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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1200

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

USIA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 3908

STATE FOR EUR/SOV GARRISON; LENINGRAD FOR P&C; USIA FOR IEU

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CVIS, UR, US

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF SOVIET CORRESPONDENT TO SAN FRANCISCO

REF: MOSCOW 1921; STATE 41353; MOSCOW 0438; 75 STATE 209780

1. DUE TO PARTY CONGRESS, AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE NOT TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY SINCE MARCH 1. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, CORRESPONDENTS HAVE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS IN NOTE-FREE TRAVEL TO OPEN CITIES OF MOSCOW OBLAST LOCATED IN CLOSED AREAS. MILITIA HAVE STOPPED CORRESPONDENTS' CARS BUT AFTER CHECKING WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES, TRAVEL WAS PERMITTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAYS. ASSUMPTION, BASED ON LONG EXPERIENCE, IS THAT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR WORD TO PASS DOWN TO LOWER LEVELS OF BUREAUCRACY. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND REPORT EXPERIENCES UNDER NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

2. REGARDING OREKHOV VISA, EMBASSY REPEATS OPINION STATED EARLIER (MOSCOW 1921). AS LONG AS REGISTRATION (I.E. ACCEPTANCE) OF TRAVEL IS OPTIONAL, SOVIETS HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH EMBASSY'S NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 5. TRAVEL DOES NOT RPT NOT, EVEN AFTER MARCH 1, TAKE PLACE  
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ON BASIS OF PRIOR NOTICE ALONE BUT ONLY IF THE SOVIETS

DO NOT OBJECT TO IT. ONLY PERMISSION-FREE TRAVEL IN USSR IS  
TO OPEN AREAS OF MOSCOW OBLAST.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO RESPOND TO MFA  
NOTE OF JANUARY 8 (MOSCOW 0438) ALONG ABOVE LINES,  
INFORMING SOVIETS THAT VISA  
WILL BE GRANTED TO OREKHOV AS RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT IN  
SAN FRANCISCO WHEN "AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENT IN MOSCOW ARE  
PERMITTED TO TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WITHOUT HAVING  
TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR SUCH TRAVELS" (75 STATE 209780).  
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